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SUBJECT: CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONSULTATIONS WITH UK
REFTEL: STATE B7890
1. ACDA OFFICIAL (FLOWERREE) CALLED IN GLOVER OF UK EMBASSY
TO INFORM HIM OF US DECISION ON A CW ARMS CONTROL INITIA-
TIVE.

2. FOLLOWING PAPER WAS HANDED TO GLOVER ALONG WITH PROPOSED
KEY ELEMENTS OF A JOINT US-SOVIET INITIATIVE ON CW(REFTEL)..
BEGIN QUOTE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED ITS
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REVIEW OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) POLICY ISSUES. WE NOW EX-
PECT TO PRESENT A CW ARMS CONTROL PROPOSAL TO THE SOVIET
UNION AT THE NEXT ROUND OF US-SOVIET CW CONSULTATIONS, WHICH
ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN GENEVA ABOUT JULY 5.

OUR PLAN IS TO SEEK SOVIET AGREEMENT TO KEY ELEMENTS OF A
COMPLETE PROHIBITION. AGREED KEY ELEMENTS WOULD THEN FORM

THE BASIS FOR A JOINT INITIATIVE AT THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT.

THE PROPOSED US POSITION, WHICH WE BELIEVE IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH NATO SECURITY INTERESTS, IS VERY CLOSE TO THAT OUTLINED DURING US-UK CONSULTATIONS IN MID-MARCH. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE ON

THE PROPOSED KEY ELEMENTS LISTED BELOW AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES BILATERALLY BEFORE MEETING WITH THE SOVIETS. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO HOLD US-UK CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ALREADY AGREED BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN. WE WOULD PREFER TO HOLD THE CW CONSULTATIONS ON MONDAY, JUNE 27, IF POSSIBLE. WE ALSO INTEND TO CONDUCT CONSULTATIONS IN NATO AT THE END OF JUNE PRIOR TO MEETING WITH THE SOVIETS. END QUOTE.

3. GLOVER ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT VERIFICATION, ESPECIALLY ON HOW MUCH US WOULD RELY ON NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS (NTM). WE REPLIED THAT US REGARDS NTM AS NOT ADEQUATE BY THEMSELVES FOR VERIFICATION OF A CW AGREEMENT ALTHOUGH THEY PROVIDE A USEFUL SUPPLEMENT TO OTHER MEANS OF VERIFICATION. GLOVER ALSO WANTED TO KNOW US ATTITUDE TOWARD DISCUSSION OF DRAFT UK TREATY ON CW DURING SUMMER CCD SESSION. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE RISKY TO OPEN DEBATE ON ELEMENTS OF UK DRAFT BEFORE US AND USSR HAD COME TO SOME UNDERSTANDING ON PRINCIPLES. GLOVER SAID UK WAS CONTINUING TO WORK ON THEIR TREATY IN PRIVATE TAKING INTO CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCOUNT COMMENTS THAT HAD BEEN MADE IN THE CCD EARLIER THIS YEAR. HE SAID BRITISH WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF HOW TO HANDLE THEIR DRAFT BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE CCD SUMMER SESSION ON JULY 5.

4. GLOVER ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR OFFER TO HAVE FURTHER BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BEFORE NATO POLADS ADDRESS THIS QUESTION AT END OF JUNE. HE THOUGHT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD WISH TO POSE SOME QUESTIONS AFTER HAVING A LOOK AT OUR PROPOSED KEY ELEMENTS TO BE FOLLOWED UP BY BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON DURING THE LAST WEEK IN JUNE WHEN UK OFFICIALS WILL BE HERE FOR BILATERALS ON CTB. CHRISTOPHER

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